

Application No. 10/643,336
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) Turf comprising synthetic turf fibers and fiber optic filaments extending between said synthetic turf fibers.
2. (Withdrawn) Turf comprising natural grass fibers and fiber optic filaments extending between said natural grass fibers.
3. (Currently Amended) A method of marking a surface, comprising the steps of:
 - providing a light source;
 - providing a playing surface to be marked having a backing, artificial turf fibers and optical material capable of illumination by said light source;
 - providing a base supporting said surface to be marked;
 - ~~positioning said light source such that it is not between said surface and said base;~~
 - ~~providing an optical material capable of illumination by said light source;~~
 - configuring and arranging said turf fibers, said optical material, said backing surface and said light source such that said turf fibers and said optical material extend from said backing and illumination of said optical material is visible on said surface; and
 - illuminating said optical material with said light source.
4. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing artificial turf comprising the steps of:

providing a primary backing layer;

providing artificial fibers;

providing fiber optical material;

threading said artificial fibers through said primary backing layer such that they extend from said backing layer;

threading said fiber optical material through said primary backing layer and between said artificial fibers.

5. (Original) The method of manufacturing artificial turf set forth in claim 4, wherein said primary backing layer is oriented in a first direction and wherein said artificial fibers are oriented in a direction substantially transverse to said first direction.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing turf comprising the steps of providing a turf surface having turf fibers extending from a backing, providing optical material capable of illumination by a light source, and threading said optical material in said turf surface, whereby illumination of said optical material is visible on said surface.

7. (Original) The method of manufacturing turf set forth in claim 6, wherein said optical material is threaded in said turf surface when said turf surface is being initially manufactured.

8. (Original) The method of manufacturing turf set forth in claim 6, wherein said optical material is threaded in said turf surface after said turf surface has been placed as surfacing for a playing

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surface.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a surface, comprising the steps of:
 - providing an optical material;
 - providing a surface;
 - arranging said optical material such that it extends above said surface; and
 - trimming said optical material such that it is flush with said surface after the step of arranging
said optical material such that it extends above said surface.
10. (Original) The method set forth in claim 9, wherein said surface is concrete or ice.
11. (Original) The method set forth in claim 10, and further comprising the steps of arranging said optical material such that it extends above said surface when said surface is in a substantially liquid form and allowing said surface to harden.
12. (Original) The method set forth in claim 11, and further comprising the step of adding a layer of a substance on top of said surface.
13. (Original) The method set forth in claim 12, wherein said layer is of the same substance as said surface.